



I t's a girl!

Col. Bradley Harper (left), U. S. Army Health Clinic-Vicenza commander, presents a coin to Alishia McKain after the Aug. 24 birth of Faith Maria, the 100th baby born at the Benincaso Mother and Infant Pavilion on Caserma Ederle. Baby Faith Maria, who is the parent's second child, weighed 6 lbs. and 7 oz, and was 19 inches long at birth. "We could not have asked for a better staff and clinic for our baby girl," said Alishia. "Everyone was helpful and supportive. Her husband, Staff Sgt. Kenneth McKain, is a member of the 704th Munitions Support Squadron stationed in Ghedi Air Base. "Everybody was great. We didn't have to ask for anything," said Kenneth McKain. "The celebration at the Benincaso Pavilion has been overwhelming. We were not expecting anything like that!" The U.S. Army Health Clinic-Vicenza staff, Maj. Myong Woo, Labor and Delivery head nurse Benincaso Pavilion, the Benincaso Pavilion staff thank the following community agencies who donated so generously to the family: Commissary, Global Credit Union, AAFES, Lotus Flower Shop, MWR, and the ACS New Parent Support Group. Welcome to Caserma Ederle Faith Maria! (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

Army changes evaluation process for officers, NCOs

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HEIDELBERG, Germany - The Army has changed the way officer and noncommissioned officer evaluation report forms are processed and submitted to the Department of the Army.

The new processes includes digital signature authority with the Common Access Card, activating forms via the Forms Content Management Program and changes to regulations governing the Army's evaluation reporting system.

The implementation period to the new evaluation system began in July and the mandatory use of the new forms begins Oct. 13. The Army Knowledge Online portal provides Soldiers and leaders access to the enhanced evaluation system. To obtain the forms, click on the "My Forms" tab on the AKO home page.

Users must have two programs installed on their office computers before using the new form filing procedure: PureEdge Viewer to view and complete the forms, and Silanis ApproveIt for digital signatures. Without the two programs, users will not be able to view, edit, route or digitally sign evaluations.

Users should contact their local Information Management Office to obtain this software and for assistance with software installation.

A variety of new capabilities for routing, reviewing and signing the evaluation form comes with the new electronic

evaluation system.

Each evaluator in the rating chain, including the rated Soldier, will digitally sign the report with their CAC.

Under the new process, a rated Soldier is the last person to digitally sign the electronic evaluation and the senior rater is responsible for transmitting completed document directly to HQDA. Personnel services battalions are no longer part of the evaluation process.

The electronic history and routing capabilities provide tools for tracking and forwarding the evaluation through the rating chain. The document history, accessed through AKO, provides continuously updated information on who has received the evaluation and the document's current status and location. The routing tool enables the current owner of a document to forward it as an original copy to the next evaluator in the rating chain or to the rated Soldier, as well as sending a read-only information copy to others for review.

Details on the new procedures are spelled out in Army Regulation 623-3, the "Evaluation Reporting System", and Department of the Army Pamphlet 623-3. Additionally, Human Resources Command has provided an extensive train the trainer package on its "Evaluation's" Web site: https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/active/TAGD/MSD/ESO/FCMP_Webpage.htm. Unit military personnel offices also have information about the new process.

Deadline approaching for filing body armor claims

Army News Service
Press Release

Soldiers have until Oct. 3 to file reimbursement claims for private purchases of such protective and safety equipment as body armor.

"A provision of the 2005 Defense Authorization Act allows for the reimbursement if servicemembers weren't issued equivalent equipment prior to deployment in Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom or Iraqi Freedom," said Maj. Paul Cucuzzella, U.S. Army Claims Service.

The Army began reimbursing Soldiers in November for private purchases of protective body armor, combat helmets, ballistic eye protection, hydration systems, summer weight gloves, and knee and elbow pads, Cucuzzella said.

Such purchases qualify for reimbursement if they were made between Sept. 11, 2001, and April 1, 2006, and if they were made in anticipation of or during the servicemember's deployment to Iraq or Afghanistan.

Claims should be filed with the Soldier's current unit. Former Soldiers should mail their claims to the U.S. Army Claims Service at Fort Meade, Md., with a postmark date of Oct. 3.

Claimants who provide proof of purchase will be reimbursed the full purchase price plus shipping costs for each item, up to \$1,100 for any single item. Without a proof of purchase, the claimant will be reimbursed at a rate pre-established by the Department of Defense for the category of item claimed.

Claims are processed through USARCS for payment from the

Defense Finance and Accounting Service. Current soldiers receive direct deposits to their normal pay accounts, and all others receive checks directly from DFAS.

More information on the reimbursement program – including qualifying details, instructions on how and where to file a claim, and a

copy of the requisite claims form – is available at www.jagcnet.army.mil. Follow the link to the "Protective Gear Reimbursement Program."

Soldiers also may contact Maj. Paul Cucuzzella at 301-677-7009, ext. 431, or by e-mail at paul.cucuzzella@emh1.fmeade.army.mil.



Soldiers from 1st Platoon, Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 508th Infantry (Airborne) patrol the small town of Naka during their deployment to Afghanistan in March 2005. (Outlook file photo)

Briefings held on Vicenza Schools construction

The USAG-Vicenza will hold two briefings for teachers, parents, and students about details on the upcoming construction of the new DODDS campus in Villaggio.

The first briefing will be held at the Vicenza Elementary School Open House on Sept. 6 at the Ederle Theater at 4:30 p.m.

The second briefing will be held during the Vicenza Middle and High School Open House on Sept. 7 in the VHS gym at 4 p.m.

ID checks ensure authorized personnel patronize commissary

Editor’s note: According to DeCAD 40-6, dated September 2001, under 3-1 the following determines who authorizes Commissary patrons:

Commissary privileges are authorized for different individual organizations, and activities as defined in the Armed Services Commissary Regulations, Dod1330.17-R, and the Identification Cards for members of the Uniformed Services, their dependents, and other eligible individuals, DoD Instruction 1000.13. DeCA does not authorize commissary privileges and is not responsible for the issuance of the ID cards.

The Uniformed Services are responsible for determining whether an individual has entitlement to commissary privileges, and for issuing ID cards consistent with the individual’s entitlement.

Host Nation agreements must be complied within OCONUS locations. Host Nation agreements can modify the eligibility of authorized patrons in OCONUS locations.

Suspected Privilege Abuse—An authorized commissary patron who makes commissary purchases for others who are not entitled to commissary privileges risks sanctions associated with abuse of the commissary privileges.

Anyone who has reason to believe that an authorized patron is abusing the commissary privilege may provide the specific of such matter to appropriate installation authorities.

Commissary management has a responsibility to notify the installation police or appropriate investigative agency when privilege abuse is suspected.

When a customer reports suspected abuse, the commissary manager should refer the customer to the appropriate installation

officials. If necessary, the store director should verify the appropriate contact point with installation officials.

Some examples of possible abuse are:

- Customer frequently buying large quantities of cigarettes/tobacco products.
- Excessive number of large orders on a frequent basis.
- A customer who divides purchase and requests separate receipts.
- Buying excessive quantities of an individual item.
- Making numerous purchases in a single day.

Authorized patrons are listed below for information purposes only. This is not an all-inclusive list and DeCA does not grant privileges.

Uniformed Personnel – Uniformed personnel are active duty members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. This also includes commissioned officers, ship’s officers, and members of the crew of vessels of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and commissioned officers of the Public Health Service. Members of the Reserve components are also included if they are on extended active duty or on active duty for training.

Retirees – All personnel carried on the official retired lists of the Uniformed Services, who are retired with pay or granted retirement pay for physical disability.

Dependents – Dependents include:

- Lawful spouses and unmarried former spouses who were married to the servicemember for at least 20 years.
- Children under age 21, unmarried, who are dependent for over half of their support from the sponsor.
- Children who are over 21 years

of age, unmarried, who are dependent for over half their support from the sponsor. They must be either incapable of self-support because of mental or physical incapacity, or have not passed their 23rd birthday and are enrolled in a full-time course of study at an approved institute of higher learning.

- Parents, including father, mother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, step-parents and parents by adoption who are, in fact, dependent for over half of their support from the sponsor.

Surviving Spouse – A widow or

widower who has not remarried, or who, if remarried has through divorce, annulment, or the death of the spouse becomes unmarried.

Official Organizations and Activities of the Military Services

– This applies to official organizations and other resale activities of the U.S. military services (except concessionaires) that are operated for uniformed personnel on active duty.

Non-DoD Government Departments of Agencies in Overseas Areas

– This includes organization and individual support. Individual U.S. employees

who are hired in CONUS under transportation agreements of a non-DoD federal department or agency and their dependents assigned overseas may be authorized commissary privileges.

Civilian Employees of the U.S. Government Stationed Outside the United States – Commissary privileges will be authorized to all DoD civilian employees and dependents assigned overseas.

Other authorized personnel are: Congressional Medal of Honor Recipients, American Red Cross personnel, and United Service Organization personnel.

Free Venice airport shuttle available

USArmy Garrison Vicenza Directorate of Logistics Press Release

A free shuttle bus to Venice Marco Polo Airport has been approved for all ID cardholders needing transportation. Clients do not need to be on official

Monday through Friday

Pick up spot	1st Run	2nd Run	3rd Run	4th Run	5th Run	6th Run
Ederle Inn	4:05	7:05	10:05	13:05	16:05	19:05*
Bldg. 1	4:10	7:10	10:10	13:10	16:10	19:10
Arrive Venice	5:00	8:00	11:00	14:00	17:00	20:00
Leave Venice	5:30	8:30	11:30	14:30	17:30	20:30
Arrive Ederle	6:55	9:55	12:30	15:55	18:55	21:30

Weekends and Holidays (Italian and American)

Pick up spot	1st Run	2nd Run	3rd Run
Ederle Inn	4:05	7:05	10:05
Bldg. 1	4:10	7:10	10:10
Arrive Venice	5:00	8:00	11:00
Leave Venice	5:30	8:30	11:30
Arrive Ederle	6:55	9:55	12:30

orders to ride the bus.

The bus will be parked in the Ederle Inn parking lot at the first yellow line. The bus will respect departure times.

Departure from Venice Airport will be at the military parking areas, located to the right as you exit the terminal, on the left side of the

traffic median on the end.

**Editor’s Note: The time for the 6th Run was incorrectly written as 17:05 in previous editions of The Outlook, the correct time is 19:05.*

We apologize for any inconvenience this error may have caused.

Community Action Council

This forum is to discuss issues affecting the community. If you have an issue you wish to submit, visit the USAG Vicenza Web site at www.usag.vicenza.army.mil and click on the Community Action Council link. This link provides you the opportunity to review issues that have been previously submitted and responded to by post agencies. There is also a form available for you to submit any new issue you would like addressed. If you have questions, call 634-5222 or 0444-71-5222 from off post.

The command encourages you to identify yourself when submitting a CAC issue in order to be able to answer your concern directly.

The command also reminds the community that CAC issues submitted containing vulgar, derogatory or inflammatory language will not be addressed.

Childcare is offered during the CAC at \$4 per hour, per child, for children ages 6 weeks old through kindergarten from 8:45-11:15 a.m. Preregistration is required.

Children will be cared for in the Child Development Center, building 395. Children must be registered with Child and Youth Services Central Registration. Call 634-7219 or stop by their location in the Davis Family Readiness Center.

The next CAC will be Sept. 27 beginning at 10 a.m. in the Ederle Theater.

Issue: I have used the Arts and Craft Shop for a few years now and there seems to be a big change. I took the class so I could save

money and time. Lately when I go in, we have to share maybe five clamps. They are running out of all supplies all the time and they have cut back their supply trips. It has gotten so bad that they are even using Scotch tape both for do-it-yourselfers AND custom frame jobs! This is not acceptable as we pay a lot of money for custom framing – “we ran out” is not a good excuse.

Recommendation: Review the “supply and demand.” Running out of supplies is only an option once, maybe twice. Everyone knew that the Soldiers were coming back and that demand would increase.

Response from the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation: There are several suppliers that the Arts and Crafts Center uses. Some orders are done on a bi-annual basis and others on a monthly basis. Most of the suppliers used are local suppliers while others are either stateside or in Germany. We have always tried to provide our customers with a variety of framing supplies as well as a high quality product.

As to our shortage of tape and other supplies: We placed our bi-annual order with a stateside supplier in May, sooner than originally scheduled. Supplies coming from the states often times take a bit longer; however they provide the best framing supplies for our needs.

While waiting on the order from the states we were able to supply our DIY framers with a lesser quality tape from our local suppliers. With our custom framing projects we have always used acid free materials and will continue to do so. Custom framing materials are stocked separately.

In the past we placed orders from our local suppliers twice a month, however, we reduced the amount of trips a year ago for supply reasons. By limiting the number of trips we still maintained our custom framing turn around time. Demand has increased and we have adjusted.

Clamps: Six framing clamps have always been on hand for our DIY framers, until recently when one clamp became unserviceable. The framing clamps on hand are not locally supplied and are expensive.

In April, a request was submitted to finance the purchase of six additional sets of framing clamps. We recently received them.

As our community is changing, our facilities are adapting to the growth and changes that need to take place.

In January, the Arts and Crafts staff took steps to expand the working space in the frame studio for our DIY customers expecting a high demand for the space.

A year ago we had three work stations for DIY framers giving enough space for six individuals to work.

Art Center staff do custom framing work on Mondays when our facility is closed, which allows more space for our DIY framers to work during normal business hours.

We are often times asked what time of day or week is best for DIY framers. Our usage reports suggest that afternoons are the best.

Over the last few months we have found that the second and fourth week of each month the frame studio is less busy.

With this in mind, DIY framers can plan accordingly and may find themselves having the studio all to themselves.

Issue: Recently I had to cancel two appointments with the Health Clinic. Both times I was on hold for so long that I ended up paying more than 5 euro for each phone call.

I want to be considerate to the clinic but this expense is becoming a real deterrent.

Recommendation: The clinic has an automated phone system. They could create an additional message that says “enter a (Pick a number) to cancel an appointment”. Then connect the caller to a voice mail box or answering machine where the caller could leave their name, SSN, time of appointment, and contact number.

This would alleviate being kept on hold and the appointment counselors could access the messages at their convenience.

Response from the U.S. Army Health Clinic-Vicenza: An easily accessible cancellation option (option #2) has been added on the recording menu. This will alleviate being put on hold if patrons need to cancel an appointment(s). The average time to access the cancellation option is now one minute.

Appointment clerks are reviewing cancellation messages and updating appointment records.

The CAC has changed its start time! The next CAC will be hosted at the Ederle Theater on Sept. 27 at 10 a.m.

Keeping personal information safe is also an individual responsibility

Installation Management
Agency Headquarters
Press Release

As a federal agency, the Installation Management Agency maintains a significant amount of information concerning individuals.

We have a fiduciary responsibility to protect that information from loss or misuse.

As you know, the loss of personal identifiable information can result in substantial harm to individuals and may lead to fraudulent use of information.

IMA is regulated by DoD rules of conduct regarding collection and safeguarding of personal information, as set forth in DoDD 5400.11, Enclosure 3, which mandates:

“DoD personnel shall:

- Take such actions, as considered appropriate, to ensure that personal information contained in systems of records, to which they have access to or are using incident to the conduct of official business, shall be protected so that the security and confidentiality of the information is preserved.

- Not disclose any personal information contained in any system of records, except as authorized by DoDD 5400.11-R or other applicable law or regulation. Personnel willfully making such a disclosure when knowing that disclosure is

prohibited are subject to possible criminal penalties [\$5,000 fine] and/or administrative sanctions.

- Report any unauthorized disclosure of personal information from a system of records or the maintenance of any system of records that are not authorized by DoDD 5400.11 to the applicable Privacy point of contact for his or her DoD component.

- DoD system managers for each system of records shall ensure that all personnel who either have access to the system of records or who shall develop or supervise procedures for handling records in the system of records shall be aware of their responsibilities for protecting personal information being collected and maintained under the DoD Privacy Program.”

All IMA military, civilians and contractors, must ensure that information is collected, maintained, used and disseminated only as authorized by law and regulations, and that the information is continually safeguarded.

The point of contact for any matters relating to the protection of personal identifiable information is Brenda Kopitzke, Chief, Administrative Services Branch, Human Resources Division. She may be reached via e-mail at: brenda.kopitzke@hqda.army.mil.

More than just checking a box, training helps keep community aware, safe

Story and photo
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Special to the Outlook

Caserma Ederle Soldiers and civilians gathered in the post theater recently to keep current on training for the prevention of sexual harassment, ethics and sexual assault.

The training doesn't just fill the annual and twice-annual Army requirements so commanders can check the block, it also teaches how to prevent and combat against issues that interfere with the mission.



Sgt. 1st Class Anthonette Horton, USAG Vicenza Equal Opportunity advisor, speaks to attendees at a recent Prevention of Sexual Harassment/Ethics class.

“We need to educate not just the Soldiers, but civilians,” said Sgt. 1st Class Anthonette Horton,

USAG Vicenza Equal Opportunity advisor. “Our focus is to stop the negative effects on the organization so we can remain mission ready.”

The training consisted mainly of lectures, but the speakers engaged the audience in the topics to get them thinking and to enhance the learning for everyone.

“The audience participation really helped me get a lot more out of the training,” said Spc. Candice Graham, Personnel Support Service clerk. “They added personal experience to the subjects.”

Even though this training is offered to all Soldiers and Department of the Army civilians annually, there are still problems with sexual harassment and assault in the military.

“We do this training all the time in the Army, but sexual harassment still happens,” said Horton. “It is still a big problem in the military.”

The ethics portion of the training dealt with e-mail usage, cell phones, misuse of subordinates, fund raising, and gifts to and from individuals. The Soldiers and civilians were given guidance on what is and isn't ethical in these areas.

“The biggest message I have for you is to make sure you are doing what is right,” said Doug Yocum, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate. “Know the rules, use

common sense and be proactive. If there is any question if something is ethical or not give us a call.”

The last block of training was on sexual assault.

“Sexual assault affects a lot of people,” said Tammy Wilbur-Hoistad, Victims Advocate educator for the Family Advocacy program. “An American is sexually assaulted every two and a half minutes. One out of four females in the United States has been sexually assaulted – but it's not just females who are being attacked – men are also sexually assaulted.”

The training has an important message that is meant to do more than just educate the Soldiers on what sexual assault is and give them the statistics; it's meant to protect them from the possibility of being attacked and educates them on what to do if they are attacked.

“As a community it's our job to educate and protect our community,” said Wibur-Hoistad. “We need people to know that Family Advocacy is here to support victims of sexual assault. We aren't here to judge, but to support. We want to make attackers accountable for their actions.”

The Soldiers of SETAF walked away from the training with a better understanding of the topics and how to handle issues surrounding them.

“This training is important to me because it educates me and all the Soldiers on what is right and wrong so there is no confusion,” said Graham. “If everyone knows what sexual harassment is it may stop happening and people will be able to protect themselves from sexual assault.”

Becoming a U.S. citizen just got easier

By Capt. Gretchen Gardner
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If you are a member of the U.S. Armed Forces and are interested in becoming a U.S. citizen, you may be eligible to apply for citizenship under special provisions provided for in the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Recent changes in the relevant sections of the INA (Sections 328 and 329) make it easier for qualified military personnel to become U.S. citizens if they choose to file a naturalization application.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services has created a streamlined process specifically for military personnel who are serving in active-duty status or have recently been discharged.

As a member of the military, there are some naturalization requirements that you may be exempted from, including the

required residency and physical presence in the United States.

The general requirements and qualifications you must have to become a U.S. citizen are: a) you demonstrate that you have good moral character b) your knowledge of the English language c) your knowledge of the U.S. government and history, and d) that you can demonstrate your attachment to the United States by taking an oath of allegiance to the U.S. Constitution.

If you are interested in becoming a citizen, you will need to complete the following forms: N-400, Application for Naturalization, N-426, Request for Certification of Military or Naval Service, and the G-325B, Biographic Information.

This packet of forms is available at Vicenza's designated point of contact at 38th PSB on post. (formerly Det. D, 510th PSB)

After filling out the forms, the PSB will review the application, stamp it, and then give it back to

the Soldier so he/she can mail it to the Nebraska Service Center. This is where all military personnel packets are reviewed.

After the Nebraska office has performed the necessary security checks, they will send the packet to the nearest district office – which is in Rome, Italy for Soldiers assigned to Caserma Ederle.

The Rome district office will contact Soldiers individually to set a date for an interview and to test your knowledge of English and Civics.

If approval is granted, USCIS will inform the Soldier of the date they can take their oath of allegiance in Rome.

Soldiers who are interested in becoming a naturalized citizen, stop by Det. A, 38th PSB located in Bldg 28 on Caserma Ederle to pick up a packet.

Filing for naturalization can also be done online at the Web site: www.uscis.gov.

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Frequently asked questions about the naturalization process

a) *How long does it take to become naturalized?* The USCIS strives to make the process take no longer than six months.

b) *How does a Soldier check the status of the naturalization application?* Soldiers may call or e-mail the Rome District office to check their status.

c) *What if a Soldier cannot*

attend the interview? The Soldier may reschedule an interview – but understand this may add several months to the process.

d) *What kind of questions are asked at the interview?* Questions about the Soldier's background; evidence supporting your case; place and length of residence; and willingness to take an Oath of Allegiance to the United States.

e) *What do the tests consist of?* Soldiers will have to read aloud and write a few sentences in English. They will then respond (in English) to questions about themselves. Soldiers will also be asked to verbally answer a set of civics questions, or to take a written multiple-choice test of up to 20 questions.

Bright lights don't bother young thespians-in-training

Story and photo by Laura Kreider
Outlook Staff

For two hours every morning, Caserma Ederle youngsters were encouraged to vent their emotions...as part of SKIES Unlimited Drama Camp held in Soldiers' Theatre Aug. 14-24.

The camp included theatre games and monologues, explained Bonnie Daniels, who directed the program.

"The monologues dealt with a variety of subjects such as 'fighting with brothers and sisters', 'watching tearful movies', 'what it's like to be Cinderella's stepsister', and 'what's it's like to receive a C on an art project,'" said Daniels.

A final presentation took place at the theater in front of the children parents and

the community Aug. 24.

"Most of the children have memorized the monologues, although it was not a requirement. I did however encourage them to 'try' and memorize," said Daniels.

An important element of the camp for the children was to have fun while working as a group.

"I like doing the games the best," said 11-year-old participant, Luka Fatuesi, who also attended Drama camp in 2005. "I really like the hard ones that Ms. Bonnie gives us, because they make you think about what you have to say before you say it."

Angie Pitts, 12, who was also participating in the camp for the second time, expressed how it is possible to take on a different personality while acting.

"I had to act like I am older and I had to

have a very country accent. It was very hard for me, but also very challenging and with Ms. Bonnie's help I could do it."

Other members of the group were new to theater, but not less motivated.

One youngster, Nick Ochart, age 10, had a positive approach with his new experience

"I joined this drama class because, when I grow up, I want to become an actor," said Ochart. "In drama you can act and it is really fun. You get to show yourself, and I like to work with other people in a group, I think it's really fun and great."

Fun was the key for the program, but the children also considered what was the hardest part of performing on the stage.

Two sisters, Rebekah and Mikayla Thompson, 9 and 11 respectively, expressed what they have learned during the drama

camp.

The youngest, Rebekah, described how the hardest thing for her was "to be able to talk in front of all the people in the audience," while her sister, Mikayla, thought the hardest thing was "speaking very clearly so everyone understands it".

"I have tried to teach the children, that no matter what we are working on, the most important lesson is that we treat each other with respect, and work together as a team," stressed Daniels at the end of the classes.

"We all hope more children in the community will register with SKIES for future drama classes."

For more details, contact SKIES director, Chris Wolff, at 634-8051.

Back to School Barbecue Bash



The Vicenza Full Gospel Pentecostal Service held the annual Back to School Barbecue Aug. 26. The event took place in Villaggio Family Housing area where about 45 volunteers handed out 250 bags with free school supplies for children from Kindergarten to 12th grade (see photo at right). The event also included numerous activities for families like a water balloon fight (left), hitting a piñata (bottom right), sack race, egg toss, face painting and more. The annual event allows parents and children to relax, make new friends and enjoy the last weekend before school starts.



A Soldier from the SETAF Headquarters Support Company prepares hamburgers and hot dogs to offer to the community during the Back to School Barbecue. Patterson was one of the about 45 volunteers who helped during the event.



(Photos by Laura Kreider, Outlook staff)

Human Resources week gives participants insight into real-life careers

Story and photo by Laura Kreider
Outlook Staff

"Pack Your Own Chute" was the theme for the event sponsored by the Equal Employment Opportunity Office and the Vicenza Civilian Personnel Advisory Center held Aug. 23-25.

The three-day event also offered sessions designed to help employees develop career plans.

After the first day of focusing on the initial steps of a career, such as job interviewing and recruitment, the program moved to other stages of a working career, such as motivating participants to make themselves more competitive in the current job market.

"What was an eye-opener", said Cindy Pierson, EEO Officer, "was what one of the attendees commented at the Career

Management Program briefing."

According to Pierson, the attendee was impressed with the overview of the Army's career program and a panel comprised of a safety intern and senior career program managers from the Public Affairs, Ammunition, Information Technology and Contracting career programs, who enlightened participants about the duties, qualifications, and educational requirements of their specific career fields.

"The Army has identified more than 25 career programs in which employees may enter as formal interns or prepare for career developmental positions," she said.

Other topics offered during the week were Resumix building and the selection process, job interviewing, the Installation Mentorship Program, the National Security Personnel System and preparing for leadership roles.



An attorney from the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, speaks to the participants in one of the briefings held at the post Chapel as part of the Human Resources Week. Aug. 23. Her briefing focused on 'Effective Interviewing: The Right Questions'.



Above: A Soldier with Battle Company, 2-503d Inf (Abn), bandages the arm of a simulated casualty during Rock Skills week first responder Training conducted on Caserma Ederle.



An NCO from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2-503d Inf (Abn) helps a fellow Soldier from Chosen Company, trouble shoot a radio during communications training conducted Aug. 31 as part of Rock Skills week, a battalion training exercise held on Caserma Ederle. "RTO's have to able to fix a radio and set up a radio for communications," he said. "Anything a commo guy would have to do, only you're not always going to have a commo guy there to help. We teach them everything from TAC SAT, UHF, to FM communications, and they leave here, pretty much, experts on the radio."

Rock sharpens skills on post

Story and photos
by Staff Sgt. Jacob Caldwell
173d ABCT Public Affairs

Whether it was learning to drive a 5-ton truck, sling-load a disabled Humvee, setting up tactical radios, or giving first responder aid to a casualty, Soldiers from the 2d Battalion, 503d Infantry (Airborne), 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team, were focused on the task at hand during Rock Skills week.

The training was a multi-station event conducted on Caserma Ederle Aug. 28-31.

The focus of the training was to make it realistic and useful, according to Sgt. Richard Chapman, Fusion Company, 2-503d Inf (Abn).

Chapman headed up the sling load training in the battalion's motor pool.

"The point of the training is to know how to execute a standard and a nonstandard load," said Chapman.

The focus of the moment was the nonstandard load, and making sure the Soldiers knew how to improvise.

"The scenario was that the vehicle had been blown up by an IED (improvised explosive device)," said Chapman. "We send out a recovery crew. The recovery crew looks at the

vehicle, and says, 'Okay, my normal sling points are not an option. I have to come up with a sling point that I can use on this vehicle, probably the frame, that's strong enough to hold it when I pick it up.'

"So it's a free-for-all at that point. You do adjustments on link counts, you do adjustments on the sling guides... there is no documentation on this – it's just looking at it, using common sense and going from there," said Chapman.

Around the North 40 Rock Soldiers were sharpening their first responder skills, which included needle-chest decompressions, airway management, trauma management, tourniquets, and field dressings, according to Spc. Luis Pimentel, senior medic for Fusion Company.

"What we have seen from our tour in Afghanistan is that when casualties get hit, there is not always a medic on site, so if your buddies in the squad know exactly what to do, it better prepares and equips them to save someone's life," he said.

Equally important is knowing how to call for help.

Sgt. Jeremy Lutz, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2-503d Inf (Abn) was making sure radio-telephone operators and others were proficient on military communications systems.

"RTO's have to able to fix a radio and set up a radio for communications," said Lutz. "Anything a commo guy would have to do, only you're not always going to have a commo guy there to help.

"We teach them everything from TAC SAT (tactical satellite), UHF (ultrahigh frequency), to FM communications, and they leave here, pretty much, experts on the radio," said Lutz.

The 2-503d Inf (Abn) paratroopers also conducted drivers training during the week, licensing individuals on 5-ton trucks and Humvees.



Above: A Destined Company, 2-503d Infantry (Airborne), shows another Destined Company Soldier the proper position of valves for airbrakes on a 5-ton truck during drivers training Aug. 31 in the battalion motor pool. The training was part of a battalion wide, week-long, training exercise conducted by the 2-503d Inf (Abn) on Caserma Ederle.



A Chosen Company, 2-503d Inf (Abn), Soldier conducts a radio check during communications training conducted Aug. 31 as part of Rock Skills week.

Out & About



By Dorothy Spagnuolo

Markets

Grisignano — Sept. 8-13: This annual market is a large festival with hundreds of vendor booths, exhibitions, carnival rides, food booths and tents.

The market will start activities daily from the afternoon to late evening, except on Sunday when it is open all day.

Grisignano is located 16 km from Vicenza, halfway toward Padova. During the market period parking in the area can be very difficult to find at the weekend, unless you get an early start.

Vicenza: The monthly antique market downtown through the main squares takes place Sept. 10 and is open 8 a.m.- sundown.

The blooming Brenta

This event held Sept. 10 is probably the most important event on the *Rivera del Brenta*. All the villages along the banks of the Naviglio Canal join in.

The event started in 1977 to reenact the passage along the Rivera of Henry III, King of France, which took place in 1574, the year the sovereign visited Venice.

The event begins at 9:30 a.m. at the town of Stra with the meeting between the ‘Doge’ and ‘Henry III’ and a historical parade.

There will then be a gathering of the rowers near the bridge in front of Villa Foscari. The regatta starts at 10 a.m.

At 11:30 a.m. in Dolo it’s the arrival at the *Foro Boario*, concert by a local band, historical parade through the streets towards the ex-Macello.

The water parade starts again from Via Trieste at 12:30 p.m. with the arrival of the boats at Villa dei Leoni in the town of Mira. The boats then go towards Malcontenta where, at 5 p.m., there will be an award ceremony.

St. Anthony’s Palio

Padova’s ‘Palio di Sant’Antonin’ will start at 10 a.m. Sunday with the opening of a medieval village on Viale Arcella.

At 3:30 p.m. watch a historical parade with knights, damsels, musicians, flag-wavers and palio participants.

At 6:30 p.m., the Palio race begins. The race consists of four districts, each with a four-man team

pulling a cart containing a statue of St. Anthony in it, compete against each other.

The team that first ‘places’ the statue on the ‘tower’ wins. All events are free to watch.

Munich Oktoberfest

At noon Sept. 16 in Munich, it’s the official opening ceremony in Germany of ‘Oktoberfest 2006.’

This is when the mayor will have the honor of tapping the first keg of Oktoberfest beer.

Once the barrel has been tapped, all visitors will then be allowed to quench their thirst. It pays to arrive early in order to experience the festivities up close, and it’s quite common for visitors to go around 9 a.m. to secure good seats.

Opening hours are weekdays from 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; weekends from 9 a.m.-10:30 p.m.

The fest lasts until Oct. 3.

Human Chess game

Marostica: The biennial ‘Human Chess’ game happens Sept. 8 and 9 at 9 p.m. and Sept. 10 at 5 and 9 p.m. Tickets are available at the Web site: www.marosticascacchi.it.

Upcoming concerts

The following concerts will be held in the Verona Arena:

Sept. 9: The Pooh

Sept. 16: Pearl Jam

Sept. 21-22: Dracula Opera Rock

Oct. 5: Bruce Springsteen

In the Mazda Palace, Milan:

Oct. 22 at 9 p.m. enjoy metal bands to include Slayer, In Flames, Children of Bodom, Lamb of God and Thine Eyes Bleed.

Oct. 14 at 9 p.m. the Mazda Palace will be transformed into a giant ice-rink for the ‘Golden Celebrities on Ice.’ Among the 20 individuals, couples performing will be Victor Petrenko, Elena Grushina and Ruslan Goncharov and Irina Slutskaya.

Permanent exhibitions

Montebelluna: Boot-and-Shoe museum. The museum traces the evolution of boot and sports shoe making with a specific look at the role played by the town. All items on exhibit are well-marked with explanations often in English and German. Housed in Villa Zuccareda Binetti the visit to this museum

would almost be worthwhile just to see this once elegant and still noble three-story villa.

Open Tuesday-Sunday 9 a.m.-noon and 3-6 p.m. Entrance fee: adults 3 euro, children under 14 1,50 euro.

Directions: Montebelluna is about 32 miles northeast of Vicenza. Once in Montebelluna, signs clearly indicate the way to *Villa Zuccareda Binetti*.

Bolzano: More than 5,300 years ago ice preserved the remains of a stone-age man who lost his life unexpectedly. He was discovered in 1991 wearing his everyday clothing and with all his equipment on his person.

Oetzi (the Ice man), so called after the Oetztal valley where he was found, is now on exhibit in the city of Bolzano’s, South Tyrol Museum of Archaeology.

Open daily from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., closed Mondays. Entrance fee is 8 euro, students under 27 pay 6 euro; no charge for children under age 6.

Torino: The Egyptian Museum of Torino, which is one of the world’s most important museums for Egyptology outside Cairo Museum, has four new rooms in a renovated section of the building.

The new exhibition areas include a room devoted to prehistoric times and the first three dynasties (4000 BC to 2300 BC) features the reconstruction of a protodynastic sepulcher, with the oldest existing example of a naturally mummified body.

Another room is dedicated to the Old Kingdom (4-6th Dynasties) and has a wall of the tomb of Iteti, as discovered by Schiaparelli in 1903.

The museum’s most important treasures include the Tomb of Kha, a burial chamber dating back 1400 BC, which contains sarcophagi, statues, garments, furniture, and the Royal Papyrus or the Papyrus of Torino, which lists all the kings of Egypt from 3000 to 1600 BC.

Also find everyday objects on display, such as sandals, combs, and even food, which are also fascinating.

The museum is open from 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., closed Mondays. Entrance fee is 6.50 euro.

The museum is located on Via Accademia della Scienza. Visit their Web site: www.museoegizio.org

Flash photography is not permitted in the museum.

Now Showing

Caserma Ederle Theater

Sept. 5	CLOSED	7 p.m.
Sept. 6	Superman Returns (PG13)	7 p.m.
Sept. 7	Waist Deep (R)	7 p.m.
Sept. 8	Pirates of the Carribean: Deadman’s Chest (PG13)	7 p.m.
Sept. 9	The Devil Wears Prada (PG13) World Trade Center (PG13)	4 p.m. 7 p.m.
Sept. 10	World Trade Center (PG13) The Devil Wears Prada (PG13)	3 p.m. 7 p.m.
Sept. 11	CLOSED	
Sept. 12	CLOSED	

Camp Darby Theater

Sept. 8	Pirates of the Carribean: Deadman’s Chest (PG13)	6 p.m.
Sept. 9	The Devil Wears Prada (PG13)	6 p.m.
Sept. 10	Garfield: A Tale of Two Kitties (PG)	2 p.m.

Movie Synopsis

WAIST DEEP - Tyrese Gibson, Meagan Good - ‘I’ll always come back for you”, single father O2 tells his young son Junior. This parental promise is put to the test when O2 is suddenly plunged into a do-or-die situation; trying to go straight for Junior’s sake, this recently paroled ex-con is forced to go back outside the law after his son is kidnapped in a carjacking. The resulting chase and shootout have left Junior in the hands of Meat, the vicious leader of the Outlaw Syndicate. O2’s shady cousin Lucky tries to mediate, but is caught between criminal and family loyalties.

PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN’S CHEST - *Johnny Depp, Keira Knightley, Orlando Bloom*. Once again thrown into the world of the supernatural, Captain Jack Sparrow finds out that he owes a blood debt to the legendary Davey Jones, Captain of the ghostly Flying Dutchman. With time running out, Jack must find a way out of his debt or else be doomed to eternal damnation and servitude in the afterlife. And as if this weren’t enough, the Captain’s problems manage to wreck the wedding plans of a certain Will Turner and Elizabeth Swann, who are forced to join Jack on yet another misadventure.

THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA - *Meryl Streep, Anne Hathaway*. In the dizzying world of New York fashion, where size 0 is the new 2, six is the new 8, and a bad hair day can end a career, *Runaway* magazine is the Holy Grail. Overseen with a finely manicured fist by Miranda Priestly – the most powerful woman in fashion – *Runaway* is a fearsome gauntlet for anyone who wants to make it in the industry. To make *Runaway* the fashion bible of New York and therefore the world, Miranda has let nothing stand in her way, including a long line of assistants who didn’t make the cut.

WORLD TRADE CENTER - *Nicolas Cage, Michael Pena*. In the aftermath of the World Trade Center disaster, hope is still alive. Refusing to bow down to terrorism, rescuers and family of the victims press forward. Their mission of rescue and recovery is driven by the faith that under each piece of rubble, a co-worker, a friend or a family member may be found. This is the true story of John McLoughlin and William J. Jimeno, the last two survivors extracted from Ground Zero and the rescuers who never gave up. It’s a story of the true heroes of that fateful time in the story of the United States when buildings would fall and heroes would rise, literally from the ashes to inspire the entire human race.

Admission: Adults age 12 and over \$4, children \$2.
The Ederle Theatre box office opens one hour prior to show time.



World War 1 Museum & Memorial

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Above: View of the entrance of the “*Museo della Grande Guerra 1915-1918*”, a war museum located in *Canove*, a hamlet near *Roana* in the *Altopiano di Asiago*.

The *Altopiano di Asiago*, Asiago Plateau, is the largest Italian plateau with more than 450 square kilometers. Most of its area is located at an average height of 1,100 meters that makes the area appealing for vacation time, both during winter and especially summer hot days. But about 90 years ago, this pleasant site was the borderline in World War I, and it saw some of the cruelest battles of the *Grande Guerra*, considered by historians the most tragic event of this area’s history, which changed the look of the area itself and caused the exodus of people toward other countries.

When some people came back after the war and during the period of reconstruction, they found ruins of the hamlets and towns where they had lived previously.

After rolling up their sleeves to rebuild their homes, they started the process of clearing the thousands of tons of unexploded devices spread out in the territory along with the recovery of Soldiers remains.

After many years and many tragedies caused by the explosion of the unexploded ordinance recuperated in the woods and plains, some of the collected items found their setting in some unique museums, such as the one located in *Canove*, a small town in the *Altopiano*, where a war museum called the “*Museo della Grande Guerra 1915-1918*” sits.

In the early 1970s, a project of creating a museum dedicated to the first war took shape thanks to the dedication and help of a group of friends who lived in the area.

The town of *Roana* supported the project and after some operations focused on acquiring the former train station of *Canove*, the city hall committee authorized the use of that building for the project.

The museum opened in the springtime of 1974 and throughout the past 30 years, the two-story museum also expanded with a big room - 200 square meters - on the ground floor.

The items on display refer to the findings of the *Altopiano* area and consist of military equipment such as grenades, fragments of bombs, different countries firearms, helmets, and other objects that were used in a trench warfare including water pumps, trench stoves and sleighs.



Italian Gas mask used during the war on view upstairs (Room #11)



Historical photos are on display at the museum. About 1,000 photos show the area before, during and after the war. About 5,000 pieces are also on view in the two-story museum.



Left: General view of the ground floor (Room #5). The room contains many items including uniforms, helmets and bombs. Left below: A visitor looks at the largest Austrian round used in this area. It had a range of 10 km. (more than six miles) and it was found unexploded near *Gallio*. Below: Some explosive devices line the wall on the ground floor.

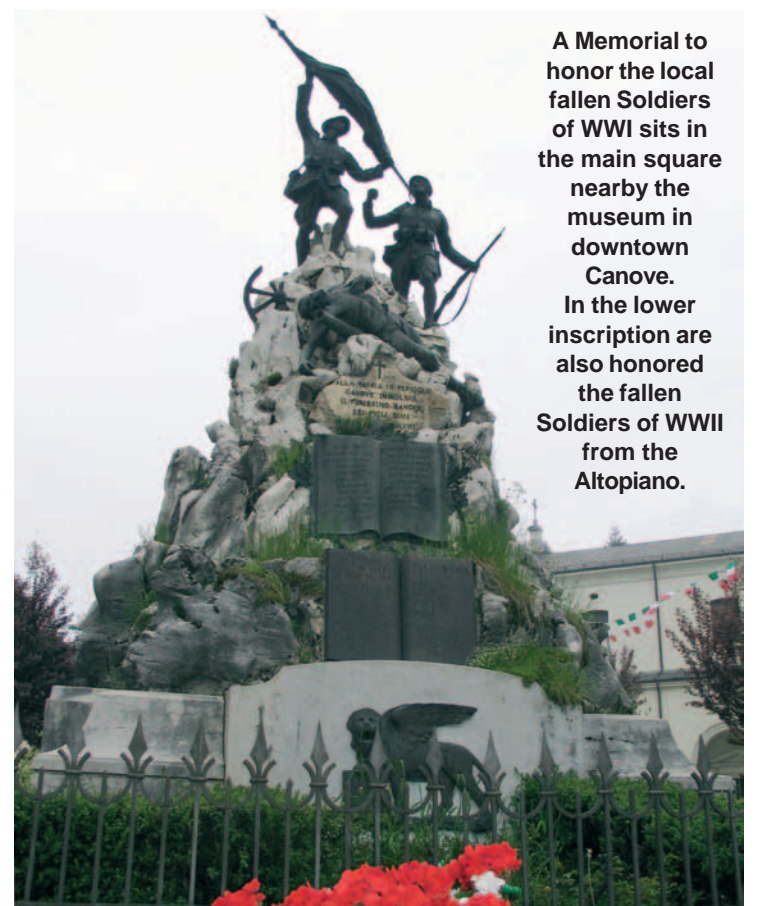


Bicycle “Bianchi mod. 1912” used by Bersaglieri, an Italian Army unit



Museum schedule

The *Museo della Grande Guerra*, is open daily from June 15 to Sept. 15 from 10 a.m. - noon and from 2:30 - 6 p.m. and only by making reservations from Sept. 16 to June 14 from 9 a.m. - noon and from 2:30 - 5:30 p.m. It is possible to make reservations at 0424-692 212 or 0424-692 511 (only Italian). The ticket costs 3 euro for adults and 2 euro for children 8 to 14. There are also reductions for adults over 60 and groups (more than 20 people). To go to the museum from *Vicenza*, take the *A31 Autostrada Valdastico*, exit in *Piovene Rocchette* and follow the signs for *Asiago*.



A Memorial to honor the local fallen Soldiers of WWI sits in the main square nearby the museum in downtown *Canove*. In the lower inscription are also honored the fallen Soldiers of WWII from the *Altopiano*.